

REMARKS

Claims 1-36 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-6, 9-14, 16-21 and 23-31 are allowed.

Claims 33-36 are rejected.

Claims 7, 8, 15, 22, and 32 are objected to.

Claims 8 has been amended to depend from Claim 5 which is allowed.

Claims 7, 15, 22, 32-36 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

As agreed to with the Examiner, Claim 8 has been rewritten to depend from Claim 5 to traverse the objection of Claim 8.

Claims 1-6, 9-14, 16-21, and 23-31 are allowed

Claims 7, 15, 22, and 32-36 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, therefore the objections to these claims are moot.

The Applicants, therefore, respectfully assert that Claims 1-6, 8-14, 16-21, and 23-31 are now in condition for allowance and request an early allowance of these claims.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner call Applicants' attorney at the below listed number if the Examiner believes that such a discussion would be helpful in resolving any remaining problems.

Respectfully submitted,

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